

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-9, 11-16 and 18-23 are now present in the application. Claims 1, 12, 15 and 21-23 are independent. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9, 11-16 and 18-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang, U.S. Patent No. 6,244,818. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to timely advance the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has submitted a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 concurrently herewith to show that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the Chang patent was derived from the same, sole inventor of the instant application. Therefore, the Chang patent is not "by another" and does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

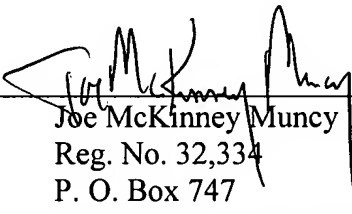
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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